ARRANGEMENTS AT THE COR-

CORAN ART GALLERY.

Statues of Grant and

McClellan.

Arrangements have been made for the

lery of all the models to be entered in

competition for the proposed statues of General Grant and General McClellan. All the

models of the Grant statue must be in posi-

of the one to be adopted will devolve upon

a commission consisting of General Dodge,

president of the Society of the Army of the

Tennessee; Senator Wetmore, chairman of

joint committee on the library, and Mr.

Waldo Story, Rome, Italy; Herbert Bar-

bee, Luray, Va.; H. K. Bush-Brown, New-

Burr C. Miller, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Franklin

Simmons, Rome, Italy, and Charles Henry

Niehaus, J. massey Rhind, F. W. Ruch-

stuhl, F. E. Triebel, Gordon B. Pike, Albert

E. Dallin, Warren, Wetmore & Morgan, H.

pez. Robb & Hornbostel, W. W. Manatt, Isi-

Washington Hull, A. Phinister Proctor, George Kellar, C. K. Thompson, Cutzon

The McClellan Statue.

The selection of the design for the Mc

The cost of the McClellan statue is lim-

ited to \$60,000, and a bonus of \$500 will be

given to each of four artists whose models

artists who have signified their intention

of submitting models for the McClellan

statue: Waldo Story, Rome, Italy; G. Tren-

Luray, Va.; Eugene Morahan, Brooklyn, N.

Rome, Italy: A. Amateis, Washington, D.

Caroline Brooks, St.

Mo.; Cyrus Dallin, Arlington Heights,

Mass.; Edward Berge and others, Balti-

more, Md.; F. D. Owen, Washington, D. C.;

Copehart & Gioldani, Washington, D. C.

and F. W. Ruckstuhl, Solon H. Borglum,

Warren, Wetmore & Morgan, Butler &

Rodman, John Francis Brines, Charles H

Nichaus, J. Massey Rhind, W. Clark Noble

Augustus Lakeman, C. W. & A. A. Stough-

ton, E. F. Piatti, John Borie, L. Lawrie, A.

Phinister Proctor, F. E. Triebel, Wilkinson

& Magonigle and John Donoghue, all of

T. A. Ruggles-Kitson,

Y .: John Flanagan, Parls, France; Cyrus

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Root, Secretary of War.

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fice of the Company

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION.

Washington Annual Conference Meets

at Asbury A. M. E. Church.

The thirty-ninth session of the Washing-

ton annual conference began this morn-

ing at Asbury A. M. E. Church, 11th and

K streets northwest, Bishop I. W. Joyce

presiding. This conference embraces por-

tions of Maryland, Virginia, West Vir-

ginia, a small portion of Pennsylvania and

Devotional exercises were led by Bishop

Joyce. One hundred and sixty ministers,

members of the conference, answered to

addresses of welcome were given by Rev. W. W. Clair, presiding elder of Washing-

the city, and by Mr. I. L. Henson on be-

tative of the visiting preachers, and Bish-

he complimented the committee in charge

on the perfection of arrangements for the

by Dr. T. B. Neeley of New York, corre-

sponding secretary of the Sunday school

department of the church; Prof. I. Gar-

land Penn of Atlanta, Ga., assistant gen-

eral secretary of the Epworth League, and

the Methodist Review.

Senator Dolliver of Iowa.

Hughes presided.

Dr. W. V. Kelley of New York, editor of

The conference adjourned until 3 o'clock

this afternoon, when a financial session

A visitor to the conference this morning

was Rev. J. J. Dolliver of Iowa, father of

Incident to the conference session an Ep-

worth League rally was held at Asbury

Church last night, at which Rev. S. R.

Devotional exercises were conducted by

Rev. C. I. Withrow, followed by an address

of welcome to Epworthians by Mr. Lewis

Monroe. Bishop Joyce spoke on "The

League and the Young People," and "The

Young People's Christian Congress" was

discussed by Mr. I. Garland Penn. Music

was furnished by the League choir of Eb-

enezer M. E. Church, under direction of

Mr. Esau Williams. Notwithstanding the

unfavorable weather the church was

A missionary anniversary will be held

onight, when a special program will be

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

Henry W. Bates Convicted of Perjury

in Criminal Court.

Henry W. Bates was convicted late yes-

erday afternoon in Criminal Court No. 2

ments, one charging forgery of certain

a plate printer and the other charging per-

jury in swearing to the statements made in

the application as true. Bates was appoint-

that he filled it satisfactorily until some of

his associates learned that he had not

served out the required apprenticeship of

his craft. This led to an investigation of

his application papers, and his arrest and

The two charges were consolidated at the

trial, but the jury in returning their ver-dict held the defendant guilty on the per-

jury charge, but not guilty on the indict-

A motion for a new trial was made by the attorneys for Bates, and the defendant was released on \$1,000 bonds to await the court's

Good Templars Meet.

Minnehaha Lodge of Good Templars held

a meeting Tuesday night. The program,

under the direction of Lieut. H. F. Smith,

was as follows: Vocal solo, Mrs. Carrie

Smith; address, Rev. Burgdorf; Minnehaha

Quartet, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Miss Nellie

severance Lodge; address, Mr. B. M. Efty-

Pa.; remarks, Mr. Wilson. In the prize

game of "Anagrams" the winners were

Mrs. Carrie Smith and Mr. J. Walter Jett.

Miss Grace Ford, Miss Agnes Kaiser and

Miss Bessie Holbart were appointed to

Benefit of the Poor.

hithes of Chosen Friends' Lodge, Allegheny

indictment followed.

ment for forgery.

action on the motion.

Addresses were also made this morning

all of the District of Columbia.

is at 1331 F St.

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exhausted.

very heavy.

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DROOP'S, Sent to the Grand Jury.

James Monroe, colored, pleaded guilty in the Police Court today to a charge of having made an assault on his father, Lewis Monroe, with a dangerous weapon. ance before that body.

MEETING LAST NIGHT

ADDRESSES BY COMMISSIONER MACFARLAND AND OTHERS.

The Denomination Receives Congratulatory Greetings-Progress of

occupied a similar position to the left of

Dr. E. B. Pollard, pastor of the First closing Dr. Pollard introduced Commisan honorable citizen.

Commissioner Macfarland, in he District government, said: umbia gladly pays tribute to this celebration of a century of honor. Because the state has no union with the church it can M. Shrody Wilkinson & Magonigla, Loappreciate and admire the church's good work the more. Because it does not have to support the church it honors it the more. Brines, Max Bachmann, John J. Boyle, t has nothing to do with the creeds of the church, and therefore it has nothing to do with the controversies of the church. But it is benefited by the deeds of the church, and therefore it is grateful for the successes

Berglum, Ackerman & Ross, and Clarence Luce, all of New York.

The McClellan Statue

Century of Service.

"It sees in this commemoration a hundred years of noble, faithful and disinterested service of the community. It sees a hundred years of steady, increasing and invalous and patriotic living, which has en-

and affection by the community.

"It is one of the glories of our voluntary is possible, its obligations of gratitude. fruit, is larger and stronger than ever, and shows promise of greater and better

results in the future."

business of organization was disposed of ton district, on behalf of the ministers of Rev. Ernest Lyon, D. D., of Baltimore responded at some length as the represenlar church, there were co-operating for the op Joyce made a brief address, in which ipbuilding of all.

Dr. Butler said he was glad for the spirit of comity existing among the churches of the city. He believed Washington is not only the best governed city, but the most religious city in the country, and that the

After Dr. Butler's remarks a beautiful solo was sung by Miss Eleanor Simonds. Dr. J. M. Schick of the Grace Reformed man, with complimentary remarks. Dr. the good they had accomplished here and dred years of active work. He hoped for their continued growth and increase. Dr. Schick did not believe God had blundered in permitting the organization of different de-Dr. Teunis S. Hamlin of the Church of he Covenant extended congratulations on behalf of the Presbyterians. He said he did not believe God ought to be charged with

can accomplish their full purpose. He compared the past one hundred years of the

Dr. F. D. Power of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church expressed the hope that the denominations will continue to grow ed to a position, and the evidence showed into more friendly relations and become one. He said the Baptists and Disciples ought to unite and that it wouldn't take much to push down the barrier between the two churches: Dr. Merrill E. Gates paid a glowing trib-

ute to the Baptist Church for the great work it has done in the interests of Christian education. Dr. Mackay-Smith of St. John's Episcopal

Dr. Pollard referred to their absence with

regret. Concluding Remarks. address, presented greetings from Calvary Baptist Church to the "Mother Church," and spoke feeling of the relations existing in the home family and church. He said he felt gratified that representatives of other households of faith came to bring such hearty congratulations and well

Smith, Mrs. J. G. Smith and Mr. R. A. he felt were as cordial and hearty as his Dinsmore; address, Mr. I. L. Corby of Per- own The meeting closed with singing by the congregation and benediction by Dr. S. S.

evening by Rev. Thomas S. Lawson, D.D., of Germantown, Pa. The "Centennial Hymn," written for this occasion by Miss Mary A. McMakin and set to music by Mr. Percy S. Foster, will be sung, and brief greetings and reminiscences will be given by members. The exercises will be known

The Massachusetts house adopted an orler inviting Gen. Fitzhugh Lee to attend the session of the house next Friday.

MODELS TO BE SHOWN

Insurgents Attacked Ameri-Coming Competition for the Proposed cans From Trenches.

UNDER FIRE FOR DAYS

public exhibition in the Corcoran Art Gal-THE ENEMY FLED, HOWEVER, WHEN PURSUED.

tion by the first of April, and the selection Troops Encountered Difficulties Making a Landing-Many Stores Were Lost.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

The cost of the Grant statue or memorial GUIUAN, Samar, P. I., January 19, 1902. is limited to \$250,000, and thirty-six Ameri-We left Mallobog, Leyte, P. I., for this can artists have entered the competition notorious island January 2. As I wrote in my last letter, the insurgents of Leyte sigselect from all the models submitted six nified their intentions of surrendering to which it considers the most meritorious, and will pay to each of the six artists subour command, but before the negotiations mitting these models the sum of \$1,000. were completed we were ordered away. It The final selection will be made from the required two trips of the small steamer to six first chosen. All models must be in plaster. They will be exhibited for two take us to Samar. The first detachment reweeks prior to rendering the final decision. ceived such a heavy fire from the enemy at Some of the models have already been rethe mouth of the Quinapundon river, our ceived. None of them will be exhibited to destination, that they were unable to make the public, however, until all are in posia landing, and the gunboat Isla de Luzon, The following is a complete list of the one of Admiral Dewey's victims at Cavite, competing artists in the case of the Grant was sent to assist. The surrounding hills were shelled and Colt's automatic guns Douglas Tilden, Oakland, Cal.; Melva placed on the small boats and a landing Beatrice Wilson, Washington, D. C. (two models); L. Amateis, Washington, D. C.;

The insurgents had trenches on the surrounding bluffs, and they kept up a scattering fire. A small detachment was sent to capture the commanding position. They met no resistance for the first six trenches, but, upon emerging into the open to take the last trench, volley after volley was fired into them, and it was a miracle that all of Jaegers, Solon H. Borglum, F. Elwell, Cyrus them were not killed. One corporal was hit twice, one private wounded in the leg by a revolver bullet and Private Linberger, Company I, 11th Infantry, was badly wounded in the leg. The fire was returned and a rush made, but the enemy had fled. They kept up a scattering fire for the seven days we were at this camp without injuring any of our men.

Insurgents Kept Up Firing.

The second expedition arrived on January with all the stores, during the unloading Clellan statue will be governed by the same general conditions except that the time for boats to protect the camp. The rain was May the 1st. The McClellan commission coming down in torrents, completely ruinconsists of the Secretary of War, Senator ing all the stores not put up in tins. The Wetmore, chairman of the joint committee water was shallow and the lighters could on library, and Brig. Gen. Ruggles, U. S. not get c.oser to shore than about 200 feet, A., retired, chairman of the statue com- where they were unloaded by enlisted men, of the highest Christian citizenship. It mittee of the Society of the Army of the who were compelled to wade in water up to Petermac, Col. Bingham, U. S. A., is executive and disbursing officer, and Mr. barrels weighed several hundred pounds, so Merritt O. Chance, private secretary to you can imagine the task. Secretary Root, is secretary to both statue

Twenty marines were sent to our assistance with a Colt's rapid-fire gun. They were welcome, as one of those guns is a handy thing to have around. When in active operation the report resembled a bunch of large firecrackers. The principal gunner told me he went through the Cuban and Chinese campaigns with the same gun, and that he thought as much of it as he tanove, Florence, Italy; Herbert Barbee, did of a near relative.

These marines came from Balangiga, the ill-fated town where Company C, 9th In-Cobb, Boston, Mass.; John S. Conway, fantry, was slaughtered last September. The sergeant in charge told me that they killed everything on their "hikes." man, woman, child and beast, and that is the custom all over this island. It is a cruel war here, but they say that is the only way to settle it.

Guns and Ammunition Taken.

Balangiga was only a few miles from our camp, and the rifles and ammunition army within the past year by the insurgents on this island and not one recaptured. They are fearless fighters here. They do not run like they do on the other

During the seven days we were in camp it the vicinity. The latter are said to be fearless, valuing life as nothing, and will obey any command of their superiors, knowing that sure death awaits them. Several scouting parties took in the surrounding country without encountering any resistance. Every night the enemy fired a few shots at intervals of a half hour er so, to keep us awake. We slept in wet clothes, with belt and gun in our hands. Our destination was the town of Quinaoundon, about seven miles up the river. rivers so swollen by the rains that we were party received several volleys on this trip without a man getting hit. They stood their ground and forced their assailants to run. The corporal in charge of the advance estimated that there were about thirty rifles in the attacking party. Another trial was made on the small boats of the gunboat to get up the river, but it was found too shallow and was soon abandoned. A conference was held on the gunboat and it was decided to go to Gui-

nan, and try to get in that way. Many Stores Were Lost.

We had about seventy tons of stores on the beach, which took the entire day to heavily and many of the stores were lost. Had we stayed in that camp a week lorger every man in the command would have been laid up. As it is the sick report is crowded. A detachment of thirty men had preceded

us, relieving Company H, 1st Infantry, of seventy-four men. This is a large town and very clean. All around the church, headquarters and the barracks, formerly a convent, there is a beautiful lawn which slopes down to the beach. It has always claimed to be a friendly town, but the men we relieved warned us to be on the lookout at all times, as a few months ago a massacre of the garrison had been planned by the town people, but their hearts failed them at the critical moment. Arrayed for Battle While Eating.

The Balangiga garrison was massacred tance away. To prevent a repetition of that unfortunate disaster we go to our meals tive of the command suffered needlessly.
W. S. K. feat to juggle several pans of food and a cup of coffee while arrayed for battle, but the boys are rapidly becoming experts. The departing company also warned us particularly to watch the officials of the town and the two native priests, as they were positive they were aiding the insurrection. They said they gave them the "water cure" several times." This is done to compel them to talk. It is done by pumping their stomachs full of salt water on the beach and then jumping on them. It is said to be very effective. I understand it was introduced originally by the marines. It is claimed that the people of this town are friendly simply to save their town from destruction, as they have been warned repeatedly that at the first break up goes

their town in smoke. There is a large proportion of women here to men, and I am of the opinion that they are the wives of insurrectos out in the hills. There is a dead line established a few miles out of town. Any native found outside of that line is supposed to be an insurrecto and is killed on sight.

Americans Among Insurgents. Lieut. Clifton, with thirty native scouts,

started from here about a week ago to join us at Quinapundon. About ten miles out he encountered a large body of insurgents and was forced to return. He says that he saw several Americans among them and that they challenged him to come on and fight, but he thought it imprudent north from the Queens Chapel road at to pit his small command against them. The native soldiers appear to be loyal Cincinnati street generally follows 22d

enough, but they lack backbone. When an expedition starts out from here they go ther use for the road between the streets | single file. First an American, then a nanamed. I therefore recommend that it be tive, then an American, and so on. They declared abandoned between the limits will fight to a finish when they have Amernamed and that no more District funds be icans to back them up. If they have none, The people here appear to be exceptionally friendly toward us, but experience on these islands has taught us to be exceptionally wary when great friendship is pro-

"You Can Have It Charged."

For Thursday

The great Fire Sale goes on, increasing in interest each day. The many thousands who have shared in the extraordinary offerings come again and again and bring their friends. These are here-and-there suggestions-

New Spring Suits.

for suits which are intended to sell at \$12.98—splendid quality black, blue or brown cheviot serge, made in several styles-jacket has full satin lining, and skirt is trimmed with deep flounce.

2.50 for suits which are well worth the \$20 at which they will sell. They are beautifully made of finest Venetian cloth, and represent the very modish spring creations at their best.

The Fire Sale of Shirts.

Finest Madras Shirts, with one pair cuffs—Madras and Chambray Shirts in plain blue and oxblood—Cheviot Shirts with one pair cuffs—'Majestic' 39C brand—sell at \$1.00.

Best quality Imported Madras Shirts-soft bosom-blue and white, pink and white, oxblood and white and fancy effects-very high grade - "Ma- 490" jestic" brand-\$1.50 value.

Big Savings in Domestics.

5c. Fringed Towels, good 278c. 1214c. Fast Rlack Perca- 576c. Sc. Gray Canvas, excellent 278C.

5c. good quality Unblached 278c. 39c. Ready-made Bleached 29c. Sheets, 54x90 (2 to a buyer).... 8c. Bleached Muslin, good 47%C.

25c. All-wool Navy Skirting 978c. 10c. Yard-wide Percales, 478c. 33c. Bleached Table Damask, 25c. 50c. Bleached Dinner Napkins 29c. 25c. Bureau Scarfs, fancy 121/2C.

8c. Seersucker Dress Ging 378c.

8c. Fancy Tea Toweling, 18 378C

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Heavy Quality Stair or patterns and colors; sell

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ocz-s&w-oc,no,feb.mar,ap,my-52t fessed. This is Sunday and a beautiful day -the only good day we have had since leaving Leyte. This morning the children of the town, all dressed very neatly, lined up in front of the commanding officer's office. When he greeted them with "Good morning" they repeated his greeting as one. After a few nice remarks from the commander they sang several patriotic American songs.

The majority of the people here are very They crowd around our kitchen at meal times and grab the leavings out of the slop barrel like wolves. The women have barely enough rags to cover themselves. We are ordered to make the attempt t get to Quinapundon again, and are preparing for the expedition now. We will leave in a few days to capture the old heights again, where we had three men wounded a week ago. This time we will take a large number of natives to pack up the supplies on their backs.

Marines Missing.

Thirty marines are lost somewhere on this island, and all the troops are on the lookout for them. There are also several gunboats patrolling the coast in hopes of rescuing them. One of the pleasing features of this town is that nearly all of the children can speak more or less English. walk of evenings I am greeted on all sides with English from children and adults. It was reported at Tacloban, Leyte, that we were wiped off the face of the earth, and the gunboat Isla de Luzon was sent post-haste to gather our remains. Captain Coggswell was agreeably surprised to find

Hebrew Christian Activities.

us alive and kicking. Possibly the rumor

was cabled to America. If so many a rela-

The conference of Hebrew Christians recertly held in this city has resulted in awakening interest in promoting work among the Hebrews. Steps have been taken to establish a mission branch here, in charge of a Hebrew Christian missionary from London, England.

Mr. Maurice Ruben, superintendent of the Friends of Israel Mission, Pittsburg, Pa., who was a delegate at the recent conference, and who spoke also at St. Paul's M. E Church recently, is giving this week a series of free lectures at the Hall Tabernacle, 7th and L streets. The lectures are attracting special attention. Mr. Ruben is a student of special subjects in relation to the Jewish movements and their attitude toward Christianity.

Mr. Ruben is also the organizer of the 'Friends of Israel," now having branches in many states, to promote Christian work among his people. On Friday evening the thrilling experience of his conversion and subsequent conflicts will be related. Mr. Ruben was formerly connected with the large business firm of Solomon & Ruben of Pittsburg, the latter being his brother. The meetings are held at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Holman Declared to Be at Fault. John W. Moore, a colored man, was a witness against Herman Holman, colored, who was charged with assault in the Police Court this morning. The men are waiters in a dining room on 14th street northwest and yesterday they had some words as to who was to remove some dishes from a table. Moore claims that Holman struck him over the head.

Judge Kimball thought the assault was

uncalled for and assessed Holman \$30.

SOLICITOR'S OPINION.

Meaning of "More or Less" in a Con-

The interesting question as to the meaning of the words "more or less" in contracts calling for District supplies has been brought before the Commissioners and is the subject of an opinion from Mr. A. B. Duvall, the city solocitor, rendered today. The question was brought up by a communication from Thomas R. Riley calling attention to certain items delivered under the terms of his contract for the sale of lumber, etc., to the District of Columbia, and claiming that he had completed the delivery of the items referred to. In Mr. Riley's contract the estimate of lumber required was specified and followed by the term "more or less." The contractor has delivered more than fifty per cent, the solicitor says, in excess of the estimated

by him. Continuing Solicitor Duvall says: "The words 'more or less' in such a contract have no settled meaning in law; they merely indicate a certain moderate and reasonable latitude in the performance of the contract. The words have been held to constitute an 'absolute contract for a specific quantity within a reasonable limit.' In Brawley against the United States the United States Supreme Court

said that-" 'When no independent circumstances are referred to, and the engagement is to furnish goods of a certain quality or character to a certain amount, the quantity is material and governs the contract. The addition of the qualifying words 'about,' 'more or less,' and the like, in such cases is only for the purpose of providing against accidental variations arising from slight and unimportant excesses or deficiencies in number, measure or weight."

"Under the general conditions of the contract in question," continues the solicitor. 'the articles were 'to be furnished and delivered at such times and at such places within the District as shall be ordered by the Commissioners,' and 'the amounts named are approximate estimates of the quantities required for the year ending June 30, 1902, but the right is reserved to order more or less of each item named.

"I am of the opinion that the contractor has completed his contract in respect of the items referred to, and that he cannot be required to make further deliveries of the said items."

PURCHASE AUTHORIZED.

Bill in Interest of Gas Company Meets Commissioners' Approval.

board that a favorable report be made on House bill 11178, "authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to purchase the Georgetown Gas Light Company, and for other purposes," submitted to the Commissioners by the House committee on the District. The bill was forwarded to the city solicitor for his conand report. turned an opinion suggesting several minor hanges in the wording, in order to remove certain ambiguities. Commissioner Mac-farland moved that the bill be reported fa-

Commissioner Macfarland has recom-

mended to his associates of the District

vorably, with the amendments suggested by City Solicitor Duvall.

Mr. Macfarland inquired into the matter personally, and found that all the parties at interest, as well as a number of prominent business men, desired the proposed consolidation. His associates indorsed the recommendation.

take charge of the program for the next meeting for "A" side The case was sent to the grand jury by Judge Kimball, and \$500 was fixed as the amount of security to insure his appear-The following subscription for the benefit The assault occurred in the southeast secof the poor has been received at The Star tion of the city Saturday morning, while office: M. M. Dashiell, \$3. the elder Monroe was attempting to reprove Also for Associated Charities-S. E. \$2; W. H. S., \$1.

One Hundredth Anniversary of Baptist Church.

the Church Reviewed.

The second week-day demonstration of the centennial celebration of the anniversary of the Baptist denomination in the District occurred last night at the First Baptist Church. It was an interdenominational meeting, in which Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland and pastors from several form presented a pleasing appearance with its green setting of palms and plants. To the right of the platform, on a level with the choir loft, were the significant figures '1802" made from foliage, while "1902"

the representatives of other churches. In sioner Macfarland, whom he referred to as an earnest Christian, a zealous patriot and burg, N. Y.; Cyrus W. Cobb, Boston, Mass.

'Imagine all that the Baptist church has done in the District of Columbia, substracted from our history and our present possession, and you learn the measire of our debt to that great denomination. That is a debt which cannot and should not be payable in money, directly or indirectly. The church should support the state, and not the state the church. But it is a debt to be paid in honor, reverence

eystem that the churches are so splendidly ported by the state, and are so well able to discharge their obligations to the state. But from time to time, and especially on occasions like this, the state may well acknowledge and liquidate, so far as that 'And with our thanksgiving we can mingle rejoicing that the tree which has vielded such abundant and wholesome

Extends Congratulation. Dr. J. G. Butler, the veteran pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, was next tions to the Baptist people. He said he did not believe the time would ever come universal church. The difference in temperament of people, he said, requires and would always require different denominations. He said, however, that interdenominational union was growing and, while members were loyal to their own particu-

highest types of religious life can be found Other Addresses.

ences, involving no principle. He firmly believed, he said, that the time will come when all Christian people will be united as one. He referred to conditions in churches and nations of today, which could not have been experienced thirty years ago, and mentioned as an instance the visit of Prince Henry to this country. He said the people of the world are coming together on things on which they agree and are refusing to contend on matters in which they differ. he congratulations of the Congregational churches were brought by Dr. S. M. Newman of the First Church. He believes, he said, that there are many non-essential things which form a gulf between the denominations, and these differences, he said, must be closed up before Christian people

Baptist Church in the District to the period of soil cultivation and seed sowing, and exnames to application papers for a position pressed the belief that the next century in the bureau of engraving and printing as | will witness a great harvest for that de-

> and Dr. Frank M. Bristol of Metropolitan .M. E. Church were unable to attend, and

Dr. Samuel H. Greene, in the concluding wishes, and he thanked the visiting pastors for their words of good cheer, which

Laws, a retired Presbyterian minister of An address will be delivered tomorrow

as "Home Evening" service.

Let the Girls Graduate, at Least.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: A recent rule of our school board works take the examination for the Normal School unless they are eighteen years old on or before September 15 following the completion examination, and that is good. I know of another case where the girl reaches her eighteenth birthday just six weeks later, and she does glisten as one of the brightest, if not the brightest, girl in the same class. She is not eligible for entrance into the Normal School, and that is bad. Now, the trustees say they had to draw the line somewhere, and drew it where it is, in preference, for instance, to a calendar year recognition, and having drawn it they will allow no guilty aspirants to cross it, lest at the expiration of their further preparatory course of two years in the Normal School the evil of under-sized, under-aged and immature teachers of the first grade might exist in our public schools. I do want to enter a plea for the girl last cited and others whose nativity (no fault of theirs) was delayed rather late into the fall, and that is that they be allowed to graduate with their classes (a naturally fond desire on their part), and having thus received their diplomas, be eligible for the normal examination the following year. Otherwise, as the purpose of the board now stands, they will be compelled to drop a study or two and thereby secure the first deficient mark of their whole twelve years of school life, perhaps, in order that their continuous proficiency as pupils may not militate against their choosing teaching as their profession. By this arrangement the year of their lives practically lost to them by their belated advent into the world of a few days or weeks, under the ruling of our honorable school commissioners, can be spent taking a post-graduate course at the High School or elsewhere if they so elect, or spent at home helping their mothers or visiting their rich relations, or in some other occupation of their selection, which their conscientious application from early childhood as students in our public schools would seem

GEO. A. WHITFORD.

A Bad Car Service. To the Editor of The Evening Star: No wonder the stockholders of the City and Suburban electric lines in this city have long waited for dividends. This morning, with nothing but a little water to prevent the cars from running, only two passed the government printing office going south between 6:45 and 7:45 o'clock. and at the latter hour at least a thousand people were walking down North Capitol

Referred to City Solicitor. The District Commissioners have referred to the city solicitor the question of closing that portion of the Queens Chapel road between Cincinnati and Frankfort

streets. This action was taken upon the

following report on the subject from W. P.

Richards, the assistant engineer in charge

street between T and H streets. N. B.

of street extensions. "The Queens Chapel road is indicated as an abandoned highway on the permanent system of highway plans, it being the intention to discontinue its use as a highway as soon as streets laid out on the permanent system plan could be opened in such location and direction as practically to offer all facilities of travel for vehicles which have generally used the Queens Chanel road "I understand that the line of travel

street northward and Frankfort street westward, thus doing away with any furspent upon its improvement. I believe that | they are liable to run. such action carries out the intent of the highway act and the wish of the Commissioners as indicated in the second section